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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDS&T

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SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Proposal

1. I have talked with Hewitt, Chairman of JAG, which is apparently most interested in this idea, and to [REDACTED] tells me that just recently ONE is extending the time period of consideration to include that of primary interest to JAG, that is 5-10 years ahead. The ONE also uses, to the extent they believe applicable, the process, called by [REDACTED] interaction analysis. While JAG by charter addresses alternatives, and these are somewhat wider than the traditional ranges of ONE, it might be considered by some that the extension of ONE's period of interest might justify a re-evaluation of the mission, if not the existence, of JAG -- especially since JAG is generally considered of more support to DoD than DCI and that the DIA membership (half the group) do not have technical backgrounds, something that might appear necessary in forecasting the long range future complex military systems.

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2. With respect to the proposal, even granting that JAG and/or ONE might feel the information and methodology useful, a substantive question which must be considered is the relative capability of [REDACTED] as compared to, say, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who are, in my view, unquestioned experts. (I have never heard of [REDACTED])

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3. Except for the general DoD orientation of JAG, I find little to recommend Cline's approach to [REDACTED] and DIA for joint funding and/or an expression of interest. It might be argued that CIA's charter and the DCI responsibilities are adequate for

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us to develop and choose forecasting methods. It would be reasonable to determine the degree of duplication that this proposal might have with DoD or DIA work, however.

4. In sum, I do not get a very warm feeling about this proposal, either from a utility or an organizational point of view. At the same time, it's not much money -- perhaps not enough to warrant any serious objections. I therefore recommend passivity, anticipating that DoD and DIA will probably oppose it.

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